

RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI : The duties of a midwife of the Public Health Department are different from those of the midwives attached to the hospitals. The midwife attached to the Public Health Department has to look after the pre and post natal conditions of the women whereas the midwives attached to ordinary hospitals attend only to delivery cases. Further the midwife of a hospital or dispensary has to be paid for their visits. The Public Health midwife has to attend to all cases free of fees.

Conservancy Unit at Kadakavoor.

15. ***MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN :** Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have decided to establish a conservancy unit at Kadakavoor?

RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI : No.

Mortality in the State.

16. ***MR. K. KUNJU PANICKAR (Mavelikara cum Kunnattur) :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) the number of persons who died from 1-1-1118 up to 15-11-1118 in the taluks of Mavelikara, Kunnattur, Quilon, Kottarakara, Karunagapalli and Kartikapalli from cholera, small-pox and typhoid; and

(b) the number of persons who died from these diseases in the towns of Kayamkulam, Mavelikara, Adur and Quilon?

RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI : (a) and (b) A statement containing the information is placed on the table.

MR. K. KUNJU PANICKER : May I know whether inoculation is given in those taluks?

RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI : Yes, Sir.

Chirayinkil taluk and the Food Control Advisory Committee.

17. ***MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN :** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether the coastal villages in Chirayinkil taluk are keenly affected by food scarcity; and

(b) whether there is any non-official member in the Food Control Advisory Committee to represent Chirayinkil taluk?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN : (a) There is food scarcity all over the State.

(b) Yes.

Milling of paddy.

18. ***MR. K. KUNJU PANICKAR :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have given permission to any body to mill the paddy for their use;

(b) if the answer to part (a) is in the affirmative, the number of mills allowed to be worked and the names of the persons to whom the permission is granted; and

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(c) whether the people in the State consider the general prohibition to work the mills as a serious grievance and that the people find it very difficult to get the paddy pounded by womenfolk who used to do that formerly?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN: (a) The answer is in the negative.

(b) The question does not arise.

(c) The opposite is the case. Considerable loss and inconveniences to the consuming public are avoided by distributing paddy purchased by Government, as paddy itself; and stopping of mills is welcomed by the majority of the population.

Appointments made by the Public Service Commissioner.

19. *MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether the appointments made in the Lower and Intermediate Divisions by the Public Service Commissioner after 1115 are quite in proportion to the seats allotted to each community;

(b) whether appointments are made from other communities if there is no qualified hand in a particular community which is by right to get those seats; and

(c) if the answer to part (b) is in the affirmative, whether such appointments are counted or not counted to decide the proportion of the community to which that chance is given?

MR. S. N. URE (*Public Service Commissioner*): (a) In the Lower Division yes, subject to the availability of candidates from the various communities. In the Intermediate Division the communal rotation is not followed.

(b) Yes.

(c) For the Lower Division the rule is that when the turn of any particular community is passed over for want of suitable candidates, the community so passed over is entitled to get the benefit of the vacancies thus forfeited to the extent to which qualified candidates may subsequently be forthcoming from that community during a period of three years, a corresponding reduction being made in the number of vacancies due to the other communities that may have benefited under the arrangement in the meanwhile.

Deaths caused by cholera.

20. *MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN: Will the Government be pleased to state the number of deaths caused by cholera in the months of Medam, Edayam and Mithunam 1118 in the following taluks:—

(a) Chirayinkil;

(b) Quilon; and

(c) Karunagapally?

RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI: A statement containing the information is placed on the table.

MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN: May I know whether the epidemic has been brought under control?

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